

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1203

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to recognize Teresa Knowles on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry to provide the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Knowles of Centertown Elementary School is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles began a much deserved retirement on October 17, 2009, after more than twenty-one years of serving as a positive influence on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Tennessee Technological University and a Master's degree in Elementary Education; and

WHEREAS, before beginning her exemplary career in education, Teresa Knowles served with acumen and alacrity for ten years as a counselor with the Tennessee Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, the good people at Centertown Elementary School have recognized and appreciated Teresa Knowles's excellence as a first and third grade teacher and role model for young people since she began there in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles is an extremely talented and compassionate educator, who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, the occasion of her retirement has granted Ms. Knowles the merited opportunity to travel the world and spend more time with her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Knowles exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Teresa Knowles our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.